



The Messenger

A Monthly Newsletter from Resurrection Lutheran Church

LENTEN REMINDER: YOU ARE A BELOVED CHILD OF GOD

The season of Lent is often approached as a penitential season, a time for reflection, fasting, prayer, and giving. It is also a season during which people prepare to be baptized or reflect and live into their baptismal identity. This was the practice of the ancient church, Lent as a period of time of learning, reflection, practicing faith before being officially received into the community of faith. As children of God we know it's because of who God is that we are loved, not because of anything we do. At the same time, because we know God loves us, we live and respond in a way befitting of the name child of God.

Chances are likely that if you're reading this newsletter that you are already connected to our church community in some way. If you're brand new and reading this because you're curious about who we are, welcome! Whether you're new or have been around decades, the photos on the front page of this newsletter this month remind us of some of the ways we live as children of God.

The picture on the bottom left of this page shows some of our folks cleaning up after we hosted a coffee hour to welcome our friends from Lakeview Lutheran who will be joining us for Sunday morning worship for a while as they do some amazing things on their property. One way we live as children of God is **to be hospitable** as Jesus showed us the way of radical welcome of all people.

We also respond to God's love in **singing and making music** together. The photo on the bottom right of this page shows our Music Director Gary Jensen teaching some of our Sunday School children about playing a drum to accompany our singing. As children of God, we express our gratitude to God in a variety of ways in weekly worship, music, prayer, sharing the meal at communion.

The center photo below is of our youth in the Lakeview Lutheran Parish (a group of 4 Lutheran churches in our neighborhood) who gathered for lunch and a game day last month. As children of God, we also **play and serve** together, enjoying the company of familiar friend and new people too.

WE also gather for midweek devotions via Zoom during Lent and Advent. In the daily devotion for February 28 from *Water and Spirit* we read, "Of all the names one might receive, the one that means the most is the one given in baptism: child of God. Are you grumpy today? You are still a child of God. Are you celebrating a victory, personal or professional? Your baptism remains, as does your name: child of God."

May you know and feel your belovedness this day and this season, dear ones.



Prayers from the RLC Stewardship Team

These prayers are written or selected by members of our Stewardship Team for use in Sunday worship for the date noted and then for personal prayer in the month after they have been prayed in worship.

February 5

God of grace, We give thanks for this year's recipient of the Alma Metzler Award for Christian Service, Sherman Hicks, in recognition of his dedicated ministry and service to Resurrection Lutheran Church. As a nurturing leader, teacher, and humble model of stewardship, we are truly grateful for Sherman's consistent encouragement and inspiration. Grant each of us the will to respond to Sherman's gentle persuasion to participate in some new things at Resurrection in 2023.

February 12

Creator God, as we acknowledge and celebrate Black History Month we give thanks for the significance of this month. We lift up and thank you for the ancestors and elders who have shaped Black history in our society and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Open our minds and hearts to learn more so that we may value diversity beyond variety. Help us value Black contributions with a vision for a future that acknowledges our strength together as well as the power, creativity, and ideas that we all bring when we are all welcome.

February 19

God of the nations, as we prepare to celebrate Presidents' Day tomorrow we ask Your blessing for our country - for its government, for its leaders (especially the President on this Presidents' Day) and advisors, and for all who exercise just and rightful authority. May their work be done in a spirit of wisdom, charity and justice so that peace and security, happiness and prosperity, and justice and freedom are experienced forevermore by all the people.

February 26

God of welcome and hospitality, we the members and friends of Resurrection welcome and offer hospitality to our siblings in Christ from Lakeview Lutheran. As we begin to worship together in this place, bless our time together and the ways we interact with each other. Increase our faith and embolden our mission.



Happy Birthday!

- 2 Renee Butala
- 3 Viktoria Erhardt
- 9 Graham DeVooght
- 10 Melissa Jensen
- 11 Brett Lee
- 13 Gary Jensen
- 16 Michael Harris
Sage Furgeson
- 19 Simon Fulkerson Kellman
- 26 Harry Tingley
Rick Kline
- 31 Linnea Sarah Jost

If we missed anyone or included someone accidentally, please let the church office know.



Lent Devotions

We'll gather via Zoom on Tuesdays during Lent at Noon to read a Lent Devotion Together. During this time together, we read, pray, and share about 15 minutes together.

Meeting ID:
816 8742 6116
Passcode: 431779

Adult Faith Formation Winter/Spring 2023
 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 8:30 a.m.

BYO Bible

Each session is a stand-alone session.

You can come to one or to all!

We hope you'll join us and bring a friend!

March 5 - Luke
 March 19 - John
 April 2 - Letters
 April 16 – Revelation



MEN'S GROUP

The RLC Men's Group gathers in-person (hybrid) and via Zoom at church on the first Saturday of the month. For more information, please contact Rick Kline at rick1749@comcast.net.



YOUNGISH WOMEN'S GROUP

The RLC Youngish Women (women in their 20's, 30's, & 40's) gathers monthly for fellowship and study and is in a time of transition seeking a new coordinator to convene the group. Please talk to Pastor Kelly or previous coordinator Sarah Lepp if you are interested in serving in this way.



	January 31, 2023	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
Offering/Giving	11,441.86	11,441.86	18,454.18
Other Income	8.32	8.32	1,099.99
Total Income	11,450.18	11,450.18	19,554.17
Total Expenses	18,765.62	18,765.62	22,400.86
Net Income	(7,315.44)	(7,315.44)	(2,846.69)



I WILL FULFILL TO YOU MY PROMISE AND BRING YOU BACK TO THIS PLACE. FOR SURELY I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU SAYS GOD, PLANS FOR YOUR WELFARE AND NOT FOR HARM. TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE WITH HOPE.
 - JEREMIAH 29:10-11

**A Future With Hope
Capital Campaign Progress**

Pledged: \$122,800.00
 Received: \$52,948.04 as of 3.1.23



A FUTURE WITH HOPE

MARCH 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>RLC Office Hours <i>Thursdays 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</i> <i>To schedule a meeting or in case of Pastoral Emergency,</i> <i>please call Pastor Kelly</i> <i>(708) 714-4364</i></p>			<p>1 7-10 pm Community Group in Sanctuary 7:00 pm LLP Evening Prayer @ Holy Trinity</p>	<p>2 9:15 am & 5:15 pm Community Group in F.Hall</p>	<p>3 7:30 pm Community Group in F. Hall</p>	<p>4 9:00 am Men's Group Hybrid</p>
<p>5 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT <i>Meeting ID: 864 1603 4369</i> <i>Passcode: 58863</i> <i>Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)</i> 8:30 am Adult Faith Formation 9:30 am Worship In-Person & via Zoom 10:30 am Coffee Hour & Fellowship 10:30 am MEF Fair</p>	<p>6 7-10 pm Community Group in Sanctuary</p>	<p>7 12-3:00 pm Organ Use 7 pm Bethel Concert Choir Performance</p>	<p>8 7-10 pm Community Group in Sanctuary</p>	<p>9 9:15 am & 5:15 pm Community Group in F.Hall 6:30 pm LLP Action Team</p>	<p>10 7:30 pm Community Group in F. Hall</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship In-Person & via Zoom 10:30 am Coffee Hour & Fellowship 10:30 am Men's Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am LLP Confirmation@ RLC</p>	<p>13 7-10 pm Community Group in Sanctuary</p>	<p>14 12-3:00 pm Organ Use</p>	<p>15 7-10 pm Community Group in Sanctuary <i>Deadline for April Messenger</i></p>	<p>16 9:15 am & 5:15 pm Community Group in F.Hall</p>	<p>17 7:30 pm Community Group in F. Hall</p>	<p>18 10am LVLC/RLC Meeting @ LVLC 10am-3pm Community Group in Sanctuary</p>
<p>19 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 8:30 am Adult Faith Formation 9:30 am Worship In-Person & via Zoom 10:30 am Men's Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Coffee Hour & Fellowship</p>	<p>20 7-10 pm Community Group in Sanctuary</p>	<p>21 12-3:00 pm Organ Use 7:00 pm Church Council</p>	<p>22 7-10 pm Community Group in Sanctuary 7:00 pm – LLP Stations of the Cross @ St. Luke's</p>	<p>23 9:15 am & 5:15 pm Community Group in F.Hall</p>	<p>24 7:30 pm Community Group in F. Hall 7:00 – 10 pm Community Group in Sanctuary</p>	<p>25 Memorial and Lunch for Charlie Henss</p>
<p>26 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 8:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Men's Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Worship In-Person & via Zoom 10:30 am Coffee Hour & Fellowship</p>	<p>27 7-10 pm Community Group in Sanctuary</p>	<p>28 12-3:00 pm Organ Use 7:00 pm Capital Campaign Committee</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	

Resurrection Lutheran Church
March & April 2023

Worship Leaders

	Assisting Minister	Lector(s) <i>If two listed, first listed reads 1st reading and second reads 2nd reading.</i>	Acolyte	Ushers	Table Setters	Zoom Host
Mar 5	Jayme Kokkonen	Bob Goldstein Tabitha Barer	TBD	Stephanie Youngman Rob Youngman	Opal Katsma	Chris Barer
Mar 12	Frank Patrick	Bill Chin Reid Prickett	Izzy Dirlam	Linda Chin Bill Chin	Beth Barer	Danie Muriello
Mar 19	Brett Lee	Viktoria Erhardt	Arianna Apel	Katie Schmees	Pastor Kelly set Melissa Jensen	Jayme Kokkonen
Mar 26	Rick Kline	Andy DeVooght Maggie Dirlam	Zach Dirlam	Jayme Kokkonen	Megan Hunt	Eloise Thompson
Apr 2 Palm/ Passion	Jayme Kokkonen	Eloise Thompson Ann Marie Monson	Simon Barer	Rob Youngman Stephanie Youngman	Opal Katsma	TBD
Apr 9 Easter	Brett Lee	Linda Chin	Grady Prickett	Linda Chin Bill Chin	Beth Barer	Danie Muriello
Apr 16	Frank Patrick	Clark Prickett Laura Fosler	Oliver Apel	Katie Schmees	Pastor Kelly set Melissa Jensen	Tabitha Barer
Apr 23	Rick Kline	Sara Hunt	Maggie Dirlam	Jayme Kokkonen	Megan Hunt	Eloise Thompson
Apr 30	Frank Patrick	Rick Kline Leo Harris	Reid Prickett	TBD	Megan Hunt	Chris Barer

*If you are interested in serving in the coming months or fulfilling one of the **TBD** spots on our schedule, please email the church office: office@rlclakeview.com.*